

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of

MURALI TALLURI, M.D.

Holder of License No. **19237**
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-99-0548

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR A
LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND
PROBATION**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and Murali Talluri, M.D. ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.

2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Consent Agreement for the issuance of the foregoing Order, he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement and the Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.

3. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent Agreement and the Order will not become effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

1 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
2 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
3 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
4 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
5 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
6 any other state or federal court.

7 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, although the Consent
8 Agreement has not yet been accepted by the Board and issued by the Executive Director,
9 upon signing this agreement and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the
10 Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent
11 Agreement and Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document.
12 Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually
13 approved by the parties.

14 6. Respondent further understands that this Consent Agreement and Order,
15 once approved and signed, shall constitute a public record document that may be publicly
16 disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

17 7. If any part of the Consent Agreement and Order is later declared void or
18 otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force
19 and effect.

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21 Murali Talluri, M.D.

Dated: 8-14-01

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23 Gordon Lewis, Esq.
24 (Counsel for Murali Talluri, M.D.)

Dated: 8-14-01

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of license number 19237 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(B), an administrator from a health care institution notified the Board on May 7, 1999, that Respondent's clinical privileges were being suspended as of April 22, 1999.

4. The health care institution suspended Respondent's clinical privileges because, he prematurely and/or inappropriately discharge patients without an appropriate evaluation, attempted to transfer a patient by private vehicle, and placed the patient's safety in jeopardy.

5. In June 1999, Respondent appealed the health care institution's decision to suspend his privileges. On February 16, 2000, after a lengthy appeal process the suspension was upheld.

6. Subsequently, Respondent initiated a civil suit against the health care institution regarding the suspension. The parties settled the civil suit and the health care institution reinstated Respondent's privileges, as of November 7, 2000, if he completed 100 hours of Category I CME, provided evidence of good standing at Chandler Regional Hospital, and provided evidence of undergoing a psychological and/or psychiatric review regarding his mental fitness. The agreement also required medical staff to monitor all of Respondent's future case admissions, discharges, and mortalities. Respondent complied with all of the health institution's requirements, and his privileges were reinstated.

1 7. On March 2, 2001, Rudolf Kirschner, M.D., the Board's medical consultant,
2 reviewed the file in this matter and concluded that: (a) Respondent prematurely
3 discharged a 65 year-old diabetic patient who suffered from dehydration; (b) Respondent
4 prematurely discharged a 79 year-old pulmonary embolism patient with abdominal
5 swelling and 4+ leg edema; (c) Respondent fell below the standard of care in attempting to
6 transfer a 41 year-old male patient to Chandler Regional Hospital in Respondent's private
7 vehicle; and (d) Respondent fell below the standard of care in his attempt to transfer a 80
8 year-old patient to another facility for erroneous reasons.

9 8. Respondent fell below the standard of care in his care of the above-
10 mentioned patients.

11 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
13 Respondent.

14 2. The conduct and circumstances described in items 3 through 8 constitute
15 unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice
16 which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public").

17 **ORDER**

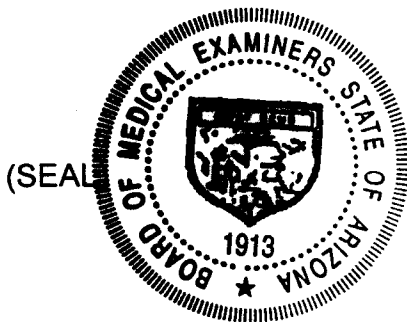
18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

19 1. Respondent, holder of license number 19237, is hereby issued a Letter of
20 Reprimand for prematurely and/or inappropriately discharging patients without appropriate
21 evaluation, attempting to transfer a patient in Respondent's private vehicle, and
22 jeopardizing the safety of the patients.

23 2. Respondent is placed on probation for one year during which he is to notify
24 Board staff if he is treated by a mental health provider and advise Board staff of the name
25 of the provider.

3. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-99-0548.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 17th day of August, 2001.



BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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